

REMARKS

The outstanding action and relied-upon references in this application have been reviewed. All rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice with the intention of presenting these in a divisional application.

The examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph rejection based upon lack of written description is traversed. The incorporated-by-reference Teetsel patent No. 6,186,361 discloses the pinch valve of a kind used in the present dispensing system. Dispensed liquid in that type of valve is delivered from the tip of the flexible tube that leads back to the source of liquid. Incorporated in this dispenser, no permanent part of the dispenser contacts the liquid as it is delivered from the source to the tip, past the pinch valve. Cancellation of the rejected claims, however, makes moot the rejection presently.

Each of the rejections over the cited art based upon 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully traversed on the basis that there is no teaching or motivation for the combination of references proposed by the examiner and the combination runs contrary to the teachings of the cited references. Nevertheless, for the present, the cancellation without prejudice of the rejected claims renders these rejections moot.


With the present amendments it is respectfully urged that the application is in condition for allowance. Early reexamination to that end is respectfully requested.

A three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Official Action is requested in the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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